

REMARKS

The Applicant and Counsel for the Applicant appreciate the Examiner's thorough review of the subject application.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2-4, 6-7 and 9-12 have been cancelled.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claims 1, 2, 3, and 4. Support is found in the original claims 1, 2, 3, and 4, the original specification, and the original drawings.

Claim 5 has been amended to provide antecedent basis to amended Claim 1. Support is found in original claim 5, the original specification, and original drawings.

Claim 8 has been amend to include limitations of Claims 8-12. Support is found in original claims 8-12, the original specification, and the original drawings.

"IC" in Claims 1, 5, and 8 have been amended to read "integrated circuit". Support is found in the original title.

Claim 13 has been added to further define claim 8. Support is found in the original specification and drawings.

Independent Claim 14 has been added to define the invention in terms of a testing apparatus for controlling positioning of a circuit. Support is found in the original claims, the original specification, and the original drawings.

Claim 15 has been added to further define the apparatus claimed in claim 14.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Sugai. The claims have been amended and it is believed the amended claims do not read on the invention of Sugai.

The Examiner states that Claims 3-5, 10-12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Since Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of 2-4 it is believed to be allowable, and since Claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 9-12 it is

believed to be allowable.

The title has been amended to more clearly define the invention. Support for the change is found in the original specification and the original claims.

The abstract has been amended to insert "(integrated circuit)" after "IC" in line 4 as requested by the Examiner. Support for the change is found in the original title.

The summary has been amended to describe the invention. Support is found in the original specification, original claims, and original drawings.

It is therefore submitted that the application, as presently amended, defines patentable subject matter. Therefore, the application is in a condition for allowance. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

To that end, if the Examiner feels that a conference will expedite the prosecution of this case, he is cordially invited to call the undersigned.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

Respectfully Submitted,



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